

Application No. 10/083,209

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Remarks

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being anticipated by Schacht (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0051011) in view of Rosen (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0048473) and Microsoft's How to Use Windows XP to Share a Printer with Others on Your Network ("Microsoft").

In Applicants' system and method, the printer includes an identifier for identifying the printer and for storing the printer's identification information on the user's workstation. None of the references cited by the Examiner teaches a system for installing, on a user's host device connected to a network, a printer driver for a printer of a particular type connected on the network, in which the desired printer includes an identifier for uniquely identifying the desired printer on the network, wherein, responsive to activating the link, the identifier stores the desired printer's unique identification on the user's host device" (as claimed in part in claim 1) or "responsive to activating the link, an identifier located on the desired printer stores the desired printer's unique identification on the user's host device" (as claimed in claim 8).

1) In Schacht, the workstation or the workstation user is assumed to know the printer's IP address. In contrast, the system and method described in Schacht requires the user to know the printer's IP address before the printer driver can be installed. "The process of obtaining printer driver software . . . is begun when the computer workstation 204 enters the first IP address (of the printer 202) using a web browser 403. It is assumed that the first IP address is known to the computer workstation, or by the workstation user." See paragraph 28 of Schacht. The printer in Schacht does not contain an identifier for uniquely identifying the desired printer on the network, wherein, responsive to activating the link, the identifier stores the desired printer's unique identification on the user's host device.

2) In Microsoft Windows XP, the user must browse the network for the desired printer and its IP address. There is no identifier for uniquely identifying the desired

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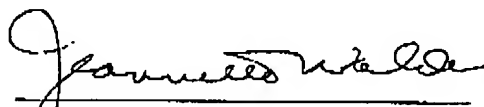
printer on the network, wherein, responsive to activating the link, the identifier stores the desired printer's unique identification on the user's host device.

Claims 1-11 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment; however, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

Reconsideration of this application and allowance thereof are earnestly solicited. In the event the Examiner considers a personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned Attorney for Applicants, Jeannette Walder.

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